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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated below:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/733,728, filed December 8, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,653,465 B2, issued November 25, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 22, lines 9-19 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the above nucleic acid is detectable. In one embodiment of the above nucleic acid, the nucleic acid is labeled with a detectable marker. As used herein, "detectable marker" includes but is not limited to a radioactive label, or a ~~ealorimetric~~ colorimetric, a luminescent, or a fluorescent marker. As used herein, "labels" include radioactive isotopes, fluorescent groups and affinity moieties such as biotin that facilitate detection of the labeled peptide. Other labels and methods for attaching labels to compounds are well-known to those skilled in the art.